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Sir:

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A copy of each of the identified non-U.S. patent documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The documents cited in the corresponding International Search Report for PCT/EP2004/008524 are also listed in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A.

COMMENTS ON THE NON-ENGLISH DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent No. 6,021,924 is listed on Form PTO/SB/08A because it is the English language counterpart of EP 0 790 936 B1 identified in the German Patent Office Official Action

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dated March 1, 2004 in German application No. 103 35 842.0 of which priority is claimed in this instant U.S. patent application filed as a national stage of PCT/EP2004/008524.

On Form PTO/SB/08A, the listed U.S. Patent No. 6,266,943 and Publication Nos. 2001 102 154 and 2004 112 921 were designated in the International Search Report as being family members of the listed Japanese language patent document JP 9 058758. An English Language Abstract has been provided for JP 9 058758.

In view of the submission herewith of the above-identified English Language Abstract of JP 9 058750 and of the identification of the U.S. patent document family members of the JP 9 058750 cited in the International Search Report, separate additional translations or English descriptions of JP 9 058750 are not believed to be required.

An English language Abstract is provided for the listed EP 1 050 481 A1, and separate additional translations or English descriptions of EP 1 050 481 A1 are not believed to be required.

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The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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